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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee (A/C.2/71/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/71/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 70/548 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly, the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the Assembly (A/71/150) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note (A/C.2/71/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general debate and the general discussion of individual agenda items will open on Wednesday, 14 September 2016. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

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Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, it is expected that the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed will be waived.

Informal consultations

6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 23 November 2016 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee[a]

Wednesday, 28 September 2016

10 a.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 3-7 October 2016

Monday, 3 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 4 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 5 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

Thursday, 6 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

Friday, 7 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Joint plenary meeting of the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council on "The changing political economy of globalization: multilateral institutions and the 2030 Agenda"

[a] The numbers of the agenda items as reflected in the draft programme of work correspond to the agenda items of the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (A/71/150).

Week of 10-14 October 2016

Monday, 10 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) Disaster risk reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

(h) Harmony with Nature

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

(j) Sustainable mountain development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Tuesday, 11 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (j) (*continued*)**

Thursday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on "The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of information and communications technologies for sustainable development"

3-6 p.m.

***Item 16*: Information and communications technologies for development**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 and sub-items (a) to (j)

Friday, 14 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 16*: Information and communications technologies for development** (*continued*)

Week of 17-21 October 2016

Monday, 17 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 23*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Tuesday, 18 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 21*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16

Wednesday, 19 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on "Sustainable strategies for eradicating poverty through youth employment and entrepreneurship"

3-6 p.m.

***Item 22*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Thursday, 20 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 22*: Groups of countries in special situations and sub-items (a) and (b)** (*continued*)

3-6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

***Item 18*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (*joint consideration*)**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Friday, 21 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Macroeconomic policy questions and sub-items (a) to (c)**

***Item 18*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (*joint consideration*)** (*continued*)

Week of 24-28 October 2016

Monday, 24 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Tuesday, 25 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3-6 p.m.

***Item 60*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 17 and sub-items (a) to (c) and 18

Wednesday, 26 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on "The implementation of the New Urban Agenda"

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25

Thursday, 27 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 20 and 60

Friday, 28 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

Week of 31 October-4 November 2016

Tuesday, 1 November

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 2 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Thursday, 3 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Week of 7-11 November 2016

Monday, 7 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2016 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2016 United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Tuesday, 8 November

3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 9 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Thursday, 10 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Week of 14-18 November 2016

Tuesday, 15 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 16 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 17 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 21-25 November 2016

Monday, 21 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Tuesday, 22 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 135*: Programme planning**

Action on draft proposals

3-6 p.m.

***Item 122*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 23 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee